

ADVISORY BOARD OF PLUMBERS

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Meeting Minutes October 19, 2021

Board Members

Ed Holmes, Journey Level Plumber Dave Weickum, Specialty Plumber Scott Fowler, Specialty Plumbing Business Todd Allred, Plumbing Business

Department of Labor & Industries

Melissa McBride, acting Chief for Contractor Compliance, Bruce Springer, Plumbing Certification, Technical Specialist Jesse Jameson, Contractor Registration, Technical Specialist Steve Rushing, Contractor Registration, Compliance Specialist Supervisor Alicia Curry, FPLS Rules & Legislation Coordinator

Guests

Harpreet Sandh, Adam LaVergne, Matt LaVergne, Seth Thompson, Brad Moore, Russ Thompson, Seth White, Ryan Santeford, Corey Wilker, Steven Petermann, Anton Vetter

Approved Minutes

Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2021 meeting minutes approved

Introduction of Alicia Curry

Melissa introduced Alicia Curry, Field Services and Public Safety Rules and Legislative coordinator, to the Board and visitors. Alicia gave a brief background of what she does for the division and discussed status of Rule Making including the fiscal year increase of 5.79% for Contractors and the following stages.

More updates to be available on GovDelivery.

Discussion followed

Rules/Legislation Update

3rd quarter reporting has not yet been addressed in Rules. Also looking at fixing rules regarding schools such as Perry Technical Institute to clarify requirements.

Chairman discussed to House Bill 1184 regarding reclaimed water and black water and the importance of a Department of Health representative to be involved in discussion.

Discussion followed

Plumbing Contractor Laws

Discussed sending letters to existing Contractor Contractors regarding changes for Plumbing Contractors and what is needed to be re-licensed.

Bruce informed numbers on Plumbing Contractors. There are currently 444 active and 336 unprocessed Plumbing contractor applications.

Bruce also informed that currently there is not a application for combination contractors.

Melissa discussed the plumber fund and possible hiring for the Plumbing Program.

Discussion followed

PSI Testing

Bruce informed on status with PSI testing and issues that occurred with the move of manual applications sent to PSI to automatic applications sent.

Discussion followed

Plumber Infractions

Bruce stated the second quarter of 2021, there were 113 infractions written for \$34,003.00. For the third quarter of 2021 there were 153 infractions written for \$52, 200.00.

Discussion followed

IAPMO Update

Code Body representative was not able to attend for this topic. Will be moved to next meeting.

Old Business

On 9/29/2021 the Chairman and Board Member Todd Allred met with Department of Correction's representatives at Clallam Bay Correctional Center to review the facilities' plumber trainee program.

Discussion followed.

Regarding the potential reciprocal agreement between Oregon and Washington, the process continues to move forward with more work needed on Oregon's side.

Discussion followed

New Business

Visitor Matt LaVergne discussed difficulties navigating public website and the broken links found. Also looking for Rules and RCW/WACs Chapters on the public website. Bruce requested an email of the issues being encountered so the program may address these and work on getting them corrected.